

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/991,638

Examiner

Phong H Nguyen

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/17/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 16-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date <u>12/20/2004</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Linda Hodge on 12/17/2004.

2. The following has been amended in claim 1:
 - In line 2, "a cutting blade" has been changed to --a cutting blade having a knife edge--.
 - In line 5, "an index table for cutting" has been changed to --an index table having a surface for positioning--.
 - The entire paragraph 3 has been replaced by the following paragraph: --wherein said controller processes and stores a tilting angle data by collecting a driving amount of the driving source of the cutting blade as the cutting blade being tilted in the blade length direction relative to the surface of the index table, the tilting angle data being processed by bringing a one end side of the knife edge and an opposite other end side of the knife edge into contact with the surface of the index table by lowering the cutting blade from an original top dead center position, in a state where said cutting blade is slanted by a same angle respectively on the one

end side and the opposite other end side in the blade length direction both before and after turning said index table by an angle of 90 degrees, and--.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1, 6 and 7 are allowable for setting forth a cutting apparatus comprising a column and a support supporting a cutting blade having a knife edge, the support being configured to control a tilting angle of the cutting blade in a blade length direction, and the cutting blade being driven to be vertically movable relative to the support by a driving source supported by the support. An index table having a surface for positioning a work-piece, a driving source of the cutting blade and a tilter configured to control the tilting angle of the support are respectively linked with a controller. The controller processes and stores a tilting angle data and a parameter of a lowering amount data.

For example, Ebrahimian (4,738,018) teaches a cutting apparatus comprising a column (14, 16) and a support (70, 72) supporting a cutting blade 66 having a knife edge, the support being configured to control a tilting angle of the cutting blade in a blade length direction, and the cutting blade being driven to be vertically movable relative to the support by a driving source supported by the support. Ebrahimian fails to teach a controller and methods for the controller to process and store a tilting angle data and a parameter of a lowering amount data.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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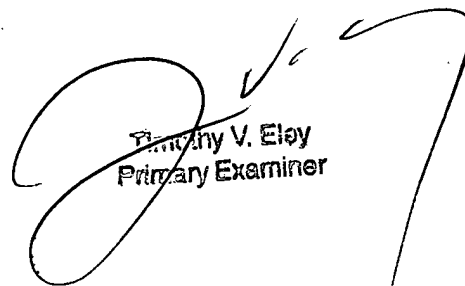
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phong H Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4510. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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December 20, 2004


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